



**GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY &  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION**

**Administrative Dismissal**

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**TO:** David H. Emadi  
Executive Secretary

**FROM:** Joseph M. Cusack  
Senior Staff Attorney

**DATE:** May 19, 2021

**RE:** RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSAL  
In the Matter of Curtis Clemons  
Case Number: 20-0062-C

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On September 8, 2020, the Commission received a complaint filed by Daniel J. Porter ("Complainant") against Curtis Clemons ("Respondent"). Complainant alleges that Respondent violated the Act by accepting an agency contribution in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2.

Complainant alleges that Respondent, a part-time investigator employed by the Gwinnett County Solicitor's General Office at the time of this Complaint utilized office resources when he ran for Sheriff of Gwinnett County during the 2020 election cycle. This allegation would constitute an agency contribution to Respondent's campaign and violate O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2, which states, "No campaign committee, political action committee, or political organization or candidate shall accept a contribution in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section." O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2.

Commission Staff conducted a comprehensive investigation which encompassed this Complaint, Case 20-0060-C *In the Matter of Patsy Austin-Gatson*, and Case 20-0061-C *In the Matter of Travis Gatson*, and were able to determine that Ms. Austin-Gatson had impermissibly accepted campaign contributions in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2. During this investigation Commission Staff did not find any evidence that Respondent had utilized county resources to make campaign literature or signs for his unsuccessful run for Sheriff. Commission Staff was also unable to uncover any evidence that Respondent had campaigned for Sheriff while on duty with the Gwinnett County Solicitor's General Office.

Since no violations of the Act occurred, there is no basis to proceed. Based upon the forgoing analysis, this complaint should be administratively dismissed pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 189-2-.03(5).



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*I, David H. Emadi Executive Secretary of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, agree with the above analysis to administratively dismiss this complaint. Thus, the above-referenced complaint shall stand dismissed.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Emadi", written over a horizontal line.

David H. Emadi, Executive Secretary

5/19/2021

Date